

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 87-101 are now pending in the application, with Claims 87, 92 and 97 being independent. Claims 59, 61-66, 68-72, 74-77 and 81-86 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 87-101 are newly-presented herein.

In the Office Action dated June 8, 2006, Claims 59, 61-66, 68-72, 74-77 and 81-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,467,434 (Hower, Jr. et al.) in view of Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary (MPCD) and U.S. Patent No. 5,229,814 (Hube et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hower, Jr. et al. is directed to a printing arrangement using a plurality of printers respectively associated with printer profiles, with each printer profile having a list of printer properties available at the printer. A user interface can program a combination of print job selections. The combination of print job selections is transmitted to one of the plurality of printers associated with a selected one of the printer profiles when a combination of print job selections corresponds with the combination of printer properties available at the selected printer. In one example, the paper weight is changed from 75 to 100 in response to a change in paper size from 216 × 279 to 216 × 356.

However, Applicants submit that Hower, Jr. et al. does not disclose or suggest at least when it is determined that a user is allowed to instruct to change a setting value of a second setting item, to display a window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item and, when the user instructs to change the setting value of the second setting item, to change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item, and when it is determined that the user is not allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, to change the setting value of the second setting item corresponding to the changed setting value of the first setting item without displaying the window on which the user is allowed to instruct to change the setting value of the second setting item, as is recited in the independent claims.

Thus, Hower, Jr. et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in the independent claims.

MPCD was cited for defining the terms “application” and “application programming interface.” However, even if Hower, Jr. et al. were construed as having an application program interface as defined by MPCD, such modification would still fail to remedy the deficiencies of Hower, Jr. et al. noted above with respect to the independent claims.

Hube et al. is directed to a process in an electronic printing system that can identify a substitute paper stock for an unavailable paper stock for a print job. As understood by Applicants, Hube et al. teaches that a process is performed if user confirmation is obtained. However, Hube et al. is also not believed to remedy the deficiencies of the citations noted above with respect to the independent claims.

Accordingly, independent Claims 87, 92 and 97 are patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 87, 92 and 97. Dependent Claims 88-91, 93-96 and 98-101 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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